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SUBJECT: GREEK-TURKISH AEGEAN PROBLEM: NEXT STEPS

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1. I WAS SOMEWHAT TAKEN ABACK BY THE REPORT IN REF A. THAT
UNDER SECRETARY HABIB HAD STATED TO AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRAKIS ON
SEPTEMBER 1 "THAT NEITHER THE GREEK NOR THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT
HAD INFORMED US OF WHAT FOLLOW-UP THERE HAD BEEN TO THE
BITSIOS-CAGLAYANGIL MEETINGS IN NEW YORK."

2. AS DEPARTMENT MUST BE AWARE, FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS
DID INFORM US OF FOLLOW-UP DEVELOPMENTS ON HIS RETURN TO GREECE--
ON AUGUST 27TH AND AGAIN ON AUGUST 30TH, AS REPORTED REFS B.
AND C.

3. IF IN HIS REPORT TO BITSIOS, ALEXANDRAKIS REPORTS
HABIB'S STATEMENT -- AS I ASSUME HE WILL -- I HAVE
NO DOUBT THAT BITSIOS WILL COMPLAIN TO ME ABOUT MY FAILING TO
TRANSMIT IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT HE HAD WISHED TO MAKE
AVAILABLE TO THE USG. SINCE THIS HAPPENED ONCE BEFORE SOME MONTHS
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AGO IN VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL CIRCUMSTANCES, I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST

THAT SOME APPROPRIATE OFFICER IN THE DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE
ALEXANDRAKIS AND SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT.
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